

CHAPTER 197

AN ACT to amend 66.94 (7) (a); and to repeal and recreate 66.94 (3) of the statutes, relating to original exercise of powers of metropolitan transit authority, and the selection and replacement of members of the board.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.94 (3) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

66.94 (3) ORIGINAL EXERCISE OF POWERS. The authority shall not exercise any of the powers hereby granted until both of the following have occurred:

(a) This section is adopted by the electors of one or more cities, villages and towns having a population in the aggregate of more than 100,000 within the metropolitan district; and

(b) The legislative body of the municipality in such district then having more than 50 per cent of public transportation routes, computed upon a mileage basis, enacts an ordinance that accepts the authority for such municipality and designates the date when such authority shall commence to exercise its powers granted under this section. Repeal of that ordinance, subsequent to the exercise by the authority of such powers, shall not affect the continuation of the authority's operations or the exercise of its powers.

SECTION 2. 66.94 (7) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.94 (7) (a) The members of the board shall hold office for terms of 7 years, except for the initial terms herein provided. Three members shall be appointed by the mayor *and confirmed by the common council* of the city having the largest population within the district. These appointments shall be for initial terms of 1, 3 and 7 years, respectively. Three members shall be appointed by the governor * * * for initial terms of 2, 4 and 6 years, respectively. The 6 members so appointed will nominate the seventh member by majority vote for an initial term of 5 years, and his appointment shall be approved and made by the governor. If no seventh member is nominated either by the original board within 60 days of its appointment, or by any subsequent board within 60 days after a vacancy occurs in the office of the seventh member, then the governor shall appoint the seventh member. At the expiration of initial terms, successors shall be appointed in the same manner for terms of 7 years. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

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